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Return Receipt Requested

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Re: **URGENT LEGAL MATTER—RESPONSE REQUIRED BY June 20, 2005**
DE MINIMIS SETTLEMENT OFFER
Casmalia Disposal Site, Santa Barbara County, California

Dear Sir/Madam:

In 2003, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") sent a certified letter notifying Esterline Technologies (hereinafter referred to as "your company or organization") of its potential liability for waste material it disposed of at the Casmalia Disposal Site ("Site"). This letter is intended to offer your company or organization the opportunity to resolve its liability for waste material disposed of at the Site from the facility(ies) specified in the enclosed settlement offer. The enclosed package of documents also contains an offer from several agencies of the State of California ("State Regulatory Entities") offering to settle their potential claims with your company or organization. The State Regulatory Entities' letter explaining their settlement offer follows immediately after this letter. For your convenience, an index to all the documents in this package follows the State Regulatory Entities' letter.

The U.S. EPA and the State are seeking your company or organization's participation in reducing the threat to human health and the environment posed by the Site. By joining the settlement, your company or organization can play an important role in the cleanup of the Site. We are asking each party responsible for arranging for the disposal of waste material at the Site to pay its fair share of the site cleanup cost. Federal, state and local governmental agencies along with the numerous private entities that used the Site for waste disposal will be expected to pay their share as part of this settlement. The U.S. EPA has already settled with the owner(s)/operator(s) of the Site and most of the parties that sent the largest quantities of waste to the Site.

The federal government also entered into a settlement with 52 major waste generators, collectively known as the Casmalia Steering Committee ("CSC"), who will finance and perform key portions of the response actions at the Site. The CSC has been performing work at the Site

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